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VI. CHEILOLEJEUNEA, RECTOLEJEUNEA, CYSTOLEJEUNEA, AND PYCNOLEJEUNEA

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(WITH PLATES 1-3)

CHEILOLEJEUNEA

The genus *Cheilolejeunea* is not very clearly defined by writers, and some of the species which have been referred to it present but few characters in common. In Spruce's original description of the group as a subgenus, the following are the most important peculiarities to which he calls attention: the prostrate stems and branches; the more or less closely imbricated leaves; the oblong-falcate lobes, semicordate at the base, usually rounded at the apex, and entire or minutely crenulate on the margins; the inflated lobules, one fourth to one third as long as the lobes; the small and often convex leaf-cells, with trigones; the suborbicular underleaves, one fourth to one half the size of the lobes, bifid to the middle or less with acute segments; the variability in the length of the female branch; the usual but not constant absence of a subfloral innovation; the falcate and spreading bracts, the lobe being commonly broad and rounded and the lobule narrower and acute; the oval bracteole, shortly bifid at the apex or undivided; the more or less compressed perianth with theoretically four or five keels, the antical keel being low and often obsolete, the two lateral keels sharp, the two postical keels low and blunt and often confluent into a single broad and rounded keel.\* The name of the group refers to the fact that the perianth often becomes two-

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\* Hep. Amaz. et And. 251. 1884.

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lipped upon the extrusion of the capsule at maturity, a condition brought about by rupture and therefore of but slight taxonomic importance. It will be seen that certain of the characters just noted are vague and elastic, and this is especially true of those ascribed to the lobules and to the floral organs. In fact, the description as it stands would apply to certain recognized species of *Euosmolejeunea*, *Pycnolejeunea*, or *Lejeunea* proper. Two later descriptions of the genus have been published, one by Schiffner\* and the other by the writer, † but these are both abridged from the original description and add no new characters of importance.

The type species of *Cheilolejeunea* is somewhat difficult to determine. The first species which Spruce mentions is *L. confluens* Lindenb.; ‡ the first species which he describes is his new *L. (Cheilo-Lejeunea) aneogyna*; the first species which Schiffner lists in raising the group to generic rank is *Cheilolejeunea heteroclada* (Spruce) Schiffn. Apparently any one of these three species has some claims to be considered the generic type. It seems most logical, however, to assign this honor to the first species which Spruce describes, namely to ***Cheilolejeunea aneogyna*** (Spruce) comb. nov., in spite of the fact that this particular species does not happen to be mentioned by Schiffner.

Among the many species which have been referred to *Cheilolejeunea* by various writers, at least three distinct types of lobule are represented. In the first type, which is clearly exhibited by *C. aneogyna*, the lobule is strongly inflated but is more or less abruptly contracted in the outer part, where a circular opening into the water-sac is to be seen (plate 1, figure 1). The keel is arched, and the free margin is involute to beyond the apex and then passes by a shallow sinus to the end of the keel. The apex is tipped with a single cell, at the distal base of which is a hyaline papilla in a slight depression. In *C. aneogyna* and its immediate allies the apical tooth is long and sharp (figure 4); it lies appressed to the lobe and extends nearly or quite to the end of the keel, playing an important part in the formation of the opening into the water-sac. In other species, however, the tooth is short and

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\* Engler & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam. 1<sup>3</sup>: 124. 1893.

† Trans. Conn. Acad. 10: 435. 1900.

‡ G. L. & N. Syn. Hep. 365. 1845.

blunt. The lobule just described is built up on essentially the same plan as in the genera *Cyrtolejeunea* and *Euosmolejeunea*.

The second type of lobule (figure 11) is well seen in *C. versifolia* (Gottsche) Schiffn. and in *C. phyllobola* (Nees & Mont.) Schiffn.; it corresponds more nearly with that found in *Prionolejeunea* and in several other genera of the *Lejeuneae Schizostipae*. The most important difference between this type of lobule and that described for *C. aneogyna* is in the position of the hyaline papilla, which is here at the proximal base of the apical tooth. The tooth itself is subject to considerable variation, being long and sharp in *C. versifolia* and short and blunt in *C. phyllobola*; in some species it is distinctly curved, in others straight or nearly so. The papilla is usually in a distinct depression, which in some cases at least is formed by the curved base of the apical tooth (figure 15).

The third type of lobule is apparently confined to *C. lineata* (Lehm. & Lindenb.) Schiffn. (plate 3, figures 1-3). It bears a strong resemblance to the spherical lobules found in certain species of *Ceratolejeunea* and is possibly to be considered an extreme modification of the second type. It is even more strongly inflated than in the two other types described and is very abruptly contracted in the outer part, the opening into the water-sac being extremely small. The keel is so strongly arched as to be approximately semicircular in outline. The free margin is rounded and throughout its entire length is involute and appressed to the lobe; the fold of involution is also strongly arched, very much as in the keel, so that the entire lobule appears broadly ovoid or ellipsoidal in form. If the free margin is examined in the outer part, close to the end of the keel, a slight indentation may be detected from which a hyaline papilla arises (figure 8). A study of very young leaves shows that the rounded cell just beyond the papilla represents the apical tooth, although it is scarcely to be distinguished from its neighbors. The papilla, therefore, is proximal in position. The sinus is represented by the very few cells between the apical tooth and the end of the keel and is consequently unusually short. The hyaline papilla in *C. lineata* was noticed many years ago by Leitgeb.\* It is, however, difficult to demonstrate

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\* Unters. über Lebermoose 2 : 14. 1875.

because, instead of projecting beyond the free margin of the lobule, it bends sharply backward from its base and lies closely appressed to the inner surface. This position is assumed in very immature leaves and is maintained as long as the papilla persists.

The lobular differences just described are accompanied by other differences of greater or less importance. In the opinion of the writer they form a convenient basis for the segregation of the old genus *Cheilolejeunea* into three genera. The first of these, for which the name *Cheilolejeunea* may be retained, is made up of species showing the first type of lobule. For species showing the second type, the name *Rectolejeunea* is suggested. *C. lineata*, finally, which exhibits the third type of lobule, seems sufficiently distinct to represent the new genus *Cystolejeunea*. Unfortunately the structure of the lobule has not been carefully described for all of the species which have been referred to *Cheilolejeunea*, and certain of these cannot be definitely assigned at the present time. It is even probable that some of them will fit more naturally into *Euosmolejeunea* or *Pycnolejeunea* than into any one of the proposed generic segregates.

In its restricted sense the genus *Cheilolejeunea* is best developed in the tropical and subtropical regions of America. So far as we know at present the species are all found on bark, where they sometimes form pure mats and sometimes grow mixed with other hepatics of similar habit. The only species known from Puerto Rico is *C. decidua* (Spruce) Evans.

The plants belonging to this genus are pale- or bright-green in color and are never glossy; upon drying they sometimes become brownish. The stems are prostrate and loosely adherent to the substratum, the rhizoids being sparingly developed. The lobes of the leaves are plane or slightly convex and are also appressed to the substratum (plate 1, figure 1); they are falcate and vary in shape from ovate to orbicular; the apex is broad and usually rounded, and the margin, which is entire or nearly so, is also rounded but never distinctly cordate at the antical base. The leaf-cells are plane or slightly convex, with firm walls; trigones are distinct and often conspicuous, and intermediate thickenings occasionally occur (figure 2). Ocelli are not developed. The underleaves are distant and small, being scarcely twice the width

of the stem ; they are suborbicular in outline, bifid to the middle or less, with acute divisions, and their margins are entire or nearly so.

The female inflorescence is sometimes borne on a leading branch and sometimes on a short branch, and in the latter case the number of branch-leaves may be reduced to one or two pairs. Variations in the length of the branch are often to be observed in a single individual. In certain species the branches bearing perianths are invariably simple ; in other species subfloral innovations are constantly produced. The bracts are larger than the leaves which immediately precede them, but are sometimes exceeded in size by the leaves on robust and sterile shoots ; they are unequally bifid and usually distinctly complicate, the lobe being broad and rounded, and the lobule narrower and commonly acute. The bracteole is similar to the underleaves, but is larger and less deeply bifid. The perianth is distinctly compressed, the lateral keels being sharp ; the antical face is plane or nearly so, and the postical keel is either rounded or two-angled ; the apex is broad, varying from rounded to slightly retuse, and the beak is distinct but sometimes very short. The antheridial spike sometimes occupies a short branch and is sometimes terminal on a longer branch ; the antheridia usually occur in pairs, but the bracts themselves offer no generic characters of importance.

As thus emended, *Cheilolejeunea* is apparently more closely related to *Euosmolejeunea* than to any other genus. Typical species of the two genera are, to be sure, amply distinct. Such a *Euosmolejeunea*, for example, as *E. trifaria* (Nees) Schiffn. is characterized by its yellowish-green color, by its large and cordate underleaves, by the constant presence of a subfloral innovation, and by its sharply keeled perianth. Unfortunately there are other species of the genus in which all of these differential characters are not clearly exhibited. The underleaves, for example, may be small and cuneate at the base, and the antical keel of the perianth may be low or even obsolete. It is sometimes necessary, therefore, as in other similar cases, to rely on a combination of characters rather than on a single generic difference.

## CHEILOLEJEUNEA DECIDUA (Spruce) Evans

*Lejeunea* (*Cheilo-Lejeunea*) *decidua* Spruce, Hep. Amaz. et And.

257. 1884.

*Cheilolejeunea decidua* Evans, Bull. Torrey Club **32**: 188. 1905.

Pale- or brownish-green, growing in depressed mats: stems 0.12 mm. in diameter, copiously and irregularly branched, the branches obliquely to widely spreading, prostrate or ascending, sometimes like the stem but often with smaller and deciduous leaves; rhizoids present on the prostrate axes, few or wanting on the ascending branches: leaves (when well developed) imbricated, the lobe plane or slightly convex, obliquely spreading, ovate, 0.7 mm. long, 0.4 mm. wide, attached by an almost longitudinal line of insertion, antical margin arching across or just beyond the axis, strongly curved to apex, postical margin straight or nearly so, apex broad and rounded, margin entire; lobule triangular-ovate in outline, 0.17 mm. long, 0.12 mm. wide, keel slightly arched or almost straight, free margin straight or nearly so, apical tooth long, pointed and slightly curved, appressed to the lobe and forming part of the opening into the water-sac; cells of lobe plane, averaging  $12\mu$  at the margin,  $21\mu$  in the middle and  $30 \times 23\mu$  at the base, sometimes thin-walled throughout, but usually with small triradiate trigones and occasional intermediate thickenings: underleaves distant, plane, orbicular, 0.2 mm. long, often cuneate toward the base, bifid one third to one half, with broad, triangular, erect, acute, subacute or apiculate divisions separated by a broad and obtuse sinus; margin entire or sinuate: inflorescence dioicous: ♀ inflorescence borne on a short and usually simple branch, rarely with an innovation on one side; bracts obliquely spreading, more or less complicate, the lobe oblong to obovate, 0.65 mm. long, 0.4 mm. wide, subfalcate, rounded at the apex, entire, lobule linear, 0.3 mm. long, 0.1 mm. wide, acute to rounded at the apex; bracteole free, obovate, 0.5 mm. long, 0.35 mm. wide, bifid about one sixth with obtuse to acute lobes and sinus, margin entire; perianth broadly obovate in outline, 0.6–0.75 mm. long, 0.5 mm. wide, strongly compressed, antical face plane or slightly concave, lateral keels sharp, postical keel low and broad, rounded or bluntly two-angled, apex rounded to slightly retuse, with a short but distinct beak: ♂ inflorescence occupying a short branch or terminal on a longer branch; bracts in one to three pairs, subimbricated, strongly inflated, shortly and subequally bifid with rounded divisions, keel strongly arched; antheridia borne singly or in pairs: mature sporophyte not seen: vegetative reproduction by means of leafy propagula growing from the leaf-cells (PLATE I, FIGURES 1–9).

On a log. El Yunque, *Evans* (161). The species was originally collected by *Spruce* in the region of the Amazon and has recently been collected in southern Florida.

The deciduous leaves of this interesting species are set free by a tearing across of the lobe near the lobule, sometimes leaving a complete water-sac behind, sometimes tearing away a portion of its wall ; in any case the lobule is left intact (figure 7). The lobes which thus separate play an important part in the vegetative reproduction of the species. Even before they become detached they are able to produce straight and unbranched rhizoids, which grow out from scattered marginal or submarginal cells. By means of these rhizoids the lobes attach themselves to the substratum and give rise directly to leafy shoots, without the interpolation of any protonemal structures whatever. Each shoot has its origin in a single leaf-cell, and there are usually from one to three shoots developed on each lobe (figure 8). The first leaves on these shoots are very small, both lobe and lobule being extremely rudimentary. As growth proceeds the leaves gradually acquire a more normal appearance, the first parts to develop being the lobule and enough of the lobe to form the water-sac. The underleaves as a rule appear very early, but in some cases their development is postponed, and several pairs of rudimentary leaves will be found without any corresponding underleaves (figure 9). These variations in development are probably caused by differences in light and moisture.

Apparently the closest ally of *C. decidua* is *C. jamaicensis* Steph.,\* a species which has not yet been reported except from Jamaica. *C. jamaicensis* is a more robust plant, larger in all its parts and with much more conspicuous thickenings in its cell-walls. The male inflorescence sometimes forms a long spike with from six to ten pairs of bracts, although it is sometimes much shorter. The leaves in this species show no evidence of being deciduous. *C. aneogyna* also retains its leaves. It differs from *C. decidua* in its smaller size and greater delicacy, in its more falcate lobes, the postical margin being distinctly rounded, and in its autoicous inflorescence.

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\* Hedwigia 34 : 241. 1895.



## RECTOLEJEUNEA

The genus *Rectolejeunea* attains its highest development in the tropical and subtropical regions of America. In fact it is doubtful if it is represented elsewhere. In Puerto Rico four species have been collected, none of them in abundance. All of these four species occur on other West Indian islands, and two of them have been found in southern Florida. All of the known species grow on bark. The genus may be characterized as follows : —

**RECTOLEJEUNEA** gen. nov.

*Lejeunea* *p. p.* G. L. & N. Syn. Hep. 1845.

*Lejeunea* subgenus *Cheilo-Lejeunea* *p. p.* Spruce, Hep. Amaz. et And. 1884.

*Cheilolejeunea* *p. p.* Schiffn. ; Engler & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam.

**1**<sup>3</sup>: 124. 1893.

Plants small to medium-sized, sometimes delicate in texture, sometimes firmer, pale- to deep-green, often becoming brownish with age, not glossy : stems prostrate and adherent to the substratum, more or less branched, the branches prostrate or ascending : leaves loosely imbricated, the lobe widely spreading, somewhat falcate, ovate to orbicular in outline, plane or nearly so, rounded at the apex or very obtuse, margin entire or sparingly and minutely crenulate ; lobule inflated and forming a distinct water-sac, keel straight or slightly arched, free margin involute throughout a part of its length, tipped at the apex by a single cell bearing a marginal hyaline papilla at its proximal base ; leaf-cells plane or slightly convex, the walls sometimes thin with more or less evident trigones, sometimes more uniformly thickened ; ocelli frequently present : underleaves small, distant to sub-imbricated, orbicular to ovate, bifid to the middle or beyond with variable divisions and sinus : inflorescence autoicous or dioicous : ♀ inflorescence sometimes borne on a short branch, sometimes on a leading branch, simple or innovating on one side ; bracts obliquely spreading, complicate, unequally bifid ; bracteole similar to the underleaves but larger and usually less deeply bifid ; perianth usually obovate in outline, compressed, the lateral keels prominent and commonly sharp, antical face plane or nearly so, postical keel low and broad, rounded or two-angled, apex truncate or slightly retuse, with a short but distinct beak : ♂ inflorescence occupying short branches or intercalary on longer branches ; bracts imbricated, diandrous (so far as known) : vegetative reproduction by means of deciduous leaves. (Name from *ρηχτός*, fragile, and

*Lejeunea*, in allusion to the fact that the leaves in most of the species easily become broken off.)

In distinguishing *Rectolejeunea* from the genera to which it is closely allied, the most trustworthy characters are those derived from the lobule and from the perianth. The latter organ is essentially the same as in *Cheilolejeunea*, but the lobule, as has already been pointed out, is built up on an entirely different plan. In the structure of the lobule, however, *Rectolejeunea* agrees pretty closely with *Pycnolejeunea* and *Lejeunea*, and it is here that the flattened perianth with its plane antical face serves as a distinguishing mark. So far as the structure of the leaves and underleaves is concerned, the new genus is in many respects intermediate between *Pycnolejeunea* and *Lejeunea*. It would even be possible, if the perianths were left out of consideration, to divide the species of *Rectolejeunea* between these two genera, without violating to any great extent their natural relationships.

Of the four species noted below two have recently been described by the writer in another connection. It has therefore seemed unnecessary to redescribe them in full. The first species may be considered the type of the genus.

***Rectolejeunea flagelliformis* sp. nov.**

Pale-green, becoming brownish with age, scattered or growing in depressed mats: stems 0.09 mm. in diameter, closely adherens to the substratum, sparingly and irregularly pinnate, the branchet widely spreading, not microphyllous; rhizoids numerous: leaves imbricated, the lobe plane and appressed to the substratum, slightly falcate, ovate, 0.7 mm. long, 0.4 mm. wide, antical margin rounded at the base, arching partially or wholly across the axis and outwardly curved to the apex, postical margin straight or nearly so, apex broad and rounded, margin entire or minutely and irregularly crenulate from projecting cells; lobule inflated, ovate in outline, 0.17 mm. long, 0.12 mm. wide, keel slightly arched, forming an almost continuous line with the postical margin of lobe but usually with a notch at the junction, free margin curved, involute at the base but appressed to the lobe throughout the greater part of its length, apical tooth long and sharply curved, papilla in a distinct depression, sinus lunulate; cells of lobe plane or slightly convex, averaging  $9\mu$  at the margin,  $14\mu$  in the middle and  $18 \times 16\mu$  at the base, rather thick-walled but without distinct trigones; ocelli mostly three to six, arranged in one or two short

rows at the base of the lobe,  $25\ \mu$  long,  $21\ \mu$  wide: underleaves distant, orbicular, 0.2 mm. long, broadly cuneate at the base and bearing a distinct radicelliferous disc, bifid about one half with erect lobes, rounded to acute at the apex, and a narrow and usually acute sinus, margin entire or rarely angular-dentate on the sides: inflorescence autoicous: ♀ inflorescence usually borne on a short branch (with only one or two pairs of leaves), innovating on one side, the innovation simple or again floriferous; bracts obliquely spreading, complicate, the lobe plane or nearly so, oblong-ovate, 0.75 mm. long, 0.35 mm. wide, slightly falcate, mostly rounded at the apex, margin entire, keel narrowly winged, lobule ovate, 0.35 mm. long, 0.17 mm. wide, obtuse to acute at the apex, margin entire; bracteole convex when seen from below, slightly connate with both bracts, orbicular, 0.55 mm. long, apex broad, varying from rounded and undivided to sharply and acutely bidentate, margin usually entire, sometimes irregularly dentate in the upper part; perianth about half exserted, obovate in outline, 0.75 mm. long, 0.45 mm. wide, somewhat compressed, the lateral keels sharp, antical surface plane or with a very indistinct keel in the upper part, postical keel broad and two-angled, apex broad, truncate or slightly retuse, beak short, surface smooth or slightly roughened from projecting cells, especially along the keels: ♂ inflorescence occupying a short branch or terminal on a longer branch, sometimes proliferating from the apex; bracts in from two to ten pairs, imbricated, strongly inflated, shortly bifid with an arched keel, the lobe rounded at the apex, the lobule more or less pointed; bracteoles one or two at the base of the spike, similar to the underleaves; antheridia in pairs: mature sporophyte not seen (PLATE I, FIGURES 10-25).

On bark of trees. El Yunque, *Evans* (29). The species has also been found in Cuba, at the base of the El Yunque Mountain, Baracoa, by *Underwood & Earle*, and no. 346 of these collectors may be designated the type. No other localities for the plant are definitely known at the present time.

The writer's account of *R. flagelliformis* is drawn from what may be considered the normal condition of the species. Under some circumstances, however, the appearance of the plants is completely altered, owing to the development of peculiar organs of vegetative reproduction. These consist of modified leaves, which are borne on the ascending or upright prolongations of prostrate branches. Sometimes a flagelliform branch of this nature represents the continuation of an ordinary leafy axis (figure 23), some-

times the proliferation of an antheridial spike, sometimes the innovation of a female inflorescence. In any case the growth of the branch is sooner or later brought to an end, although in one observed instance as many as fifty modified leaves had been developed. The formation of these peculiar branches is apparently induced by crowding, and it is not unusual to find them in the middle region of a tuft, the marginal part of which continues to develop branches of the normal type.

The modified leaves are strikingly different from ordinary leaves in their appearance. They are densely imbricated, and the line of insertion is nearly transverse and very short, measuring but five to ten cells in length. No lobules are developed, and the lobes are ovate in shape and almost symmetrical. The margin is not entire, as on normal leaves, but bears a series of scattered hair-like teeth, which vary in number from one to ten. The teeth are irregular in arrangement, but the one at the apex is usually distinct, thus making the leaves acuminate. Each tooth is composed of a single row of cells or is rarely two cells wide at the very base; it is sometimes straight and sometimes variously curved or hooked at the tip. In the majority of cases the terminal cell is long and delicate, like a rhizoid, and occasionally the entire tooth is reduced to a cell of this character. The leaf-cells have much thinner walls than ordinary leaves and are well supplied with chloroplasts.

The leaves just described develop rapidly and become detached as soon as they attain their full size. The line of rupture is very close to the base, and the detached leaf leaves behind a narrow ridge of projecting cells, the process of separation being schizolytic in nature. A separated leaf is able to live a considerable time on account of its many chloroplasts, but it soon gives rise to one or more leafy shoots, without the interpolation of thalloid structures. Apparently any marginal cell has the power of developing into a shoot of this nature (figure 24), but the number growing from a single leaf is always very small.

The underleaves on the flagelliform branches are not deciduous; they are closely imbricated like the leaves, and are more or less squarrose, thus giving the branches a peculiar and characteristic appearance. The underleaves do, however, exhibit marked modi-

fications. In the first place, they lose largely, if not entirely, the power of developing rhizoids. In the second place, the lateral teeth, which are sometimes vaguely indicated on normal underleaves, become very distinct, often attaining a length of three cells and a width of two cells at the base. In the third place the principal divisions become sharply pointed, usually ending in a row of from two to four cells, and the sinus becomes broad and lunulate (figure 25).

The leaves which precede the modified leaves exhibit transitional characters. They tend to become more pointed, scattered marginal cells grow out into rhizoidal processes or even into short teeth, and the lobule becomes smaller and more rudimentary. It is interesting to note that a branch which bears these transitional leaves sometimes recovers from the tendency to become flagelliform and continues its growth normally. In one case, for example, the proliferation of an antheridial spike developed first a normal leaf, then a series of transitional leaves, then a second antheridial spike. It is also probable that the dentate or ciliate bracts and bracteoles, which are occasionally to be observed on a female inflorescence, represent similar transitional conditions. In these cases the development of the archegonium, of course, terminates the elongation of the branch; but in one observed instance the innovation from a flower of this character became flagelliform almost immediately, showing that the tendency toward such development was present in a marked degree.

### ***Rectolejeunea Berteroana* (Gottsche)**

*Lejeunea* (*Odontolejeunea*) *Berteroana* Gottsche in Stephani, Hedwigia **27**: 282. *pl.* 11, *f.* 6. 1888.

*Lejeunea versifolia* Gottsche in Wright, Hep. Cubenses (without description); Schiffner, Bot. Jahrb. **23**: 597. 1897 (as synonym).

*Cheilolejeunea versifolia* Schiffn. *l. c.* *pl.* 5, *f.* 1-7.

On bark of trees. Puerto Rico, *Bertero*, the type locality. The species is also known from Cuba (*Wright*), from southern Florida (*Underwood*), and from the Bahamas (*Mrs. Britton*).

*R. Berteroana* and the preceding species are very closely related. They agree in the shape of their leaves and underleaves,

in the peculiarities of the lobule with its long apical tooth and proximal papilla, in the structure and measurements of the leaf-cells, in the presence of basal ocelli and in the possession of sub-floral innovations. Both species, moreover, develop flagelliform branches with deciduous leaves. An excellent account of these branches in *C. versifolia* is given by Schiffner, who assumes that they are leafless from the beginning. The Florida specimens, however, recently recorded by the writer, \* clearly show that the development of these branches is the same here as in *R. flagelliformis* and that the narrow and ring-like thickenings, which Schiffner notes, are simply the bases of the leaves which have fallen away. These deciduous leaves in *R. Berteroana* are also destitute of lobules and almost symmetrical, but their margins differ from those of *R. flagelliformis* in being either entire or only sparingly and indistinctly dentate instead of ciliate. The margins of the corresponding underleaves are also either entire or very bluntly unidentate on the sides. Aside from these differences in the flagelliform branches, which are among the most important in distinguishing the two species, *R. Berteroana* differs in its smaller size and dioicous inflorescence.

Stephani's figure of *Lejeunea Berteroana* shows a portion of a sterile stem and brings out clearly the normal peculiarities of the leaves and underleaves. Although there is no indication either here or in the original description of flagelliform branches, the type material in the Gottsche herbarium exhibits a branch of this character and proves conclusively that *L. Berteroana* and *Cheilo-lejeunea versifolia* are to be considered synonyms. The perianth of the species is still unknown, but its close relationship to *R. flagelliformis* seems to warrant placing it in the same genus. At any rate the structure of the lobule and the entire leaves would exclude it from *Odontolejeunea*, and the latter character would also remove it from *Cyclolejeunea*.

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\* Mem. Torrey Club 8: 145. 1902. A full description of the species, largely compiled from Schiffner, may also be found here.

***Rectolejeunea emarginuliflora* (Gottsche)**

*Lejeunea emarginuliflora* Gottsche in Wright, Hep. Cubenses (without description); Schiffner, Bot. Jahrb. **23**: 585. 1897 (as synonym).

*Cheilolejeunea emarginuliflora* Schiffn. l. c.

Pale-green: stems scattered, 0.05 mm. in diameter, loosely adherent to the substratum, sparingly and irregularly pinnate, the branches widely spreading, not microphyllous but often with deciduous leaves; rhizoids few: leaves loosely imbricated, the lobe plane, slightly falcate, ovate, 0.5 mm. long, 0.35 mm. wide, antical margin rounded at the base, arching partially across the axis and outwardly curved to the apex, postical margin straight or nearly so, apex broad, rounded to very obtuse, margin entire or slightly and irregularly crenulate from projecting cells; lobule inflated, ovate in outline, 0.17 mm. long, 0.1 mm. wide, keel slightly arched, free margin curved, involute near the base, apical tooth curved but variable in length and sometimes short and blunt, papilla in a slight depression, sinus lunulate; cells of lobe plane, averaging  $10\ \mu$  at the margin,  $12\ \mu$  in the middle and  $16\ \mu$  at the base, rather thick-walled but without distinct trigones; ocelli  $23 \times 16\ \mu$ , one or two at the base of the lobe, usually indistinct or obsolete: underleaves distant, plane, orbicular, 0.2 mm. long, broadly cuneate at the base and without a distinct radicelliferous disc, bifid about one half with erect divisions, rounded or obtuse at the apex and separated by a narrow and usually acute sinus, margin either entire or vaguely angular-dentate on the sides: inflorescence dioicous: ♀ inflorescence on a more or less elongated branch, innovating on one side, the innovation often floriferous; bracts and bracteoles similar to those of *R. flagelliformis*: perianth, ♂ inflorescence and sporophyte unknown (PLATE 2, FIGURES 1-8).

On bark of trees. North slope of the Luquillo Mountains, Heller (4741 p. p.). The original specimens were collected by Wright in Cuba, and no other stations for the species are at present known.

*R. emarginuliflora* is based on somewhat negative characters and is still too imperfectly known to be considered a well-established species. It agrees with *R. Berteroana* in its dioicous inflorescence and in the general characters derived from leaves and underleaves. Even the leaf-cells are of about the same size in the two species and agree with each other in the characters derived from their

cell-walls. The ocelli, however, which form a characteristic feature of *R. Berteroana*, are either indistinct in the present species or else are wholly undeveloped. *R. emarginuliflora* also fails to develop flagelliform branches, but these are replaced to a certain extent by ordinary leafy branches with scattered leaves. These leaves, which are scarcely or not at all modified, secure vegetative reproduction for the species in the same way that the crowded elobulate leaves do in *R. flagelliformis* and *R. Berteroana*. They easily become separated from the axis, usually carrying their lobules with them, and attach themselves to the substratum by means of scattered marginal rhizoids. When this is accomplished each leaf gives rise to one or more leafy shoots, sometimes with the interpolation of a thalloid protonema, sometimes directly from the leaf-cells (figures 7, 8). In the majority of cases the new shoots or their protonemata arise from marginal cells. It often happens that a branch loses many or all of its leaves in this way for a considerable distance and thereby acquires a peculiar appearance (figure 3), very different, however, from what is found in the flagelliform branches of the allied species. It approaches in this respect the following :—

***Rectolejeunea phyllobola* (Nees & Mont.)\***

*Lejeunea phyllobola* Nees & Mont. in Ramon de la Sagra, Hist. Fis. Pol. y Natur. Cuba 9: 281. 1845.

On bark of trees. Puerto Rico, without definite locality, *Underwood & Griggs* (893). Widely distributed in the West Indies; also known from Mexico, Costa Rica and southern Florida.

*R. phyllobola* bears a strong resemblance to the three preceding species. It differs from all of them, however, in its much larger leaf-cells, which average  $21\ \mu$  in diameter in the middle of the lobe, in its complete lack of basal ocelli, and in the narrower divisions of its underleaves. The free margin of its lobule is involute to or just beyond the apex, and the apical tooth is distinguished by being short, blunt, and straight. The present species also develops branches with deciduous leaves, but these are scattered as on ordinary branches and no more modified than in *R. emarginuliflora*. Unfortunately the lobules in *R. phyllobola* are often poorly de-

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\* For a full description of this species, with synonymy and figures, see EVANS, Mem. Torrey Club 8: 143. pl. 20, f. 1-13. 1902.



veloped, but even under these circumstances the relatively large leaf-cells will usually serve to distinguish the species.

### CYSTOLEJEUNEA

The systematic position of *Lejeunea lineata* has long been a matter of uncertainty. Spruce first referred it to the subgenus *Macro-Lejeunea*, basing his opinion on the simple female branch and the perianth without keels. He afterwards followed Stephani and transferred it to *Cheilolejeunea*, apparently on account of the flattened perianth, but remarked at the same time that the species had certain characters in common with *Trachylejeunea*.\* Schiffner also followed Stephani at first and considered the plant a *Cheilolejeunea*; afterwards he apparently reverted to the original view of Spruce and listed the species as *Macrolejeunea lineata*. This solution of the problem, however, by no means satisfied him, and he noted that the vegetative structure agreed in many respects with what is found in *Euosmolejeunea*. Still later he replaced the species in *Cheilolejeunea*.†

It will be seen from the above that *Lejeunea lineata* has certain points of agreement with four recognized genera of the *Lejeuneae*, but that the balance of opinion is in favor of placing it in *Cheilolejeunea*. Its peculiar lobule, however, should apparently exclude it not only from this genus, as emended in the present paper, but also from the other three genera to which it has been compared. It becomes necessary, therefore, to propose a new genus for its accommodation.

### CYSTOLEJEUNEA gen. nov.

Plants rather robust, firm in texture, not glossy: stems prostrate, loosely adherent to the substratum, sparingly and irregularly branched, the branches widely spreading, not microphyllous: leaves imbricated, the lobe widely spreading, convex and reflexed at the broad apex, entire or nearly so; lobule strongly inflated, ellipsoidal or broadly ovoid, with strongly arched keel, free margin strongly involute throughout, apical tooth scarcely evident, hyaline papilla proximal, reflexed, sinus exceedingly short; leaf-cells convex with large trigones; ocelli none: underleaves distant, subrotund, cuneate at the base, bifid with sharp divisions: ♀ inflorescence borne on a

\* Bull. Soc. Bot. de France 36: clxxxii. 1889.—See also Jour. Linn. Soc. Bot. 30: 331. 1894.

† Conspect. Hepat. Archip. Indici 256. 1898.

simple and very short branch ; bracts obliquely spreading, shortly and unequally bifid, the lobe convex and broad at the apex, lobule variable ; bracteole longer than the underleaves but less deeply bifid ; perianth compressed but with rounded lateral keels, antical and postical surfaces practically ecarinate, apex broad, beak obsolete : ♂ inflorescence occupying a short branch ; bracts few, imbricated. (Name from *κυστις*, a bladder, and *Lejeunea*, referring to the strongly inflated lobule.)

When *Cystolejeunea* is compared with *Cheilolejeunea*, as represented by such a robust species as *C. jamaicensis*, the two genera are seen to have much in common. They agree in texture and color, in the shape of the lobe, in the general peculiarities of the leaf-cells, in the absence of ocelli, in the underleaves, in the simple female branch and in the flattened perianth. Aside from its lobules, however, *Cystolejeunea* differs in its convex leaf-lobes and in its beakless perianth. Of course the more delicate species of *Cheilolejeunea* offer still other points of difference.

*Macrolejeunea* is a genus of somewhat doubtful validity. Its type species is *M. pallescens* (Mitt.) Schiffn., \* known only from the Andes of Ecuador. In this plant the female branch is simple, and the perianth is destitute of both beak and keels, characters which it shares with *Cystolejeunea*. It differs, however, in its general habit, in its pointed leaves and in its delicate texture, agreeing in all these respects with the genera *Taxilejeunea* and *Hygrolejeunea*. *Euosmolejeunea* and *Trachylejeunea* both differ from *Cystolejeunea* in their five-keeled perianths.

### ***Cystolejeunea lineata* (Lehm. & Lindenb.)**

*Jungermannia lineata* Lehm. & Lindenb. in Lehmann, Pug. Plant.

4 : 53. 1832.

*Lejeunea lineata* Lehm. & Lindenb. in G. L. & N. Syn. Hep. 371.  
1845.

*Lejeunea* (*Macro-Lejeunea*) *lineata* Spruce, Hep. Amaz. et And.  
225. 1884.

*Lejeunea* (*Cheilolejeunea*) *lineata* Steph. Hedwigia 27 : 287. 1888.

*Cheilolejeunea lineata* Schiffn. in Engler & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam. 1<sup>3</sup> : 124. 1893.

*Macrolejeunea lineata* Schiffn. Bot. Jahrb. 23 : 588. 1897.

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\* Engler & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam. 1<sup>3</sup> : 124. 1893 (= *Lejeunea pallescens* Mitt. Hook. Jour. Bot. and Kew Gard. Misc. 3 : 360. 1851).

Pale- or bright-green, becoming brownish with age, occasionally forming small depressed mats but usually growing mixed with other hepatics: stems 0.17 mm. in diameter, sparingly branched, some of the branches with smaller leaves than the stem but not microphyllous; rhizoids few: leaves imbricated, the lobe falcate-ovate when explanate, 1 mm. long, 0.85 mm. wide, antical margin strongly curved except at the very base, arching across the axis, postical margin straight or slightly incurved, apex rounded to obtuse, margin entire or indistinctly angular-sinuate; lobule 0.35 mm. long, 0.2 mm. wide, abruptly contracted in the outer part, keel forming an angle of about  $90^\circ$  with the postical margin of the lobe; cells of lobe averaging  $18\mu$  at the margin,  $32 \times 21\mu$  in the middle and  $37 \times 21\mu$  at the base, convex on both surfaces, outer wall strongly thickened especially in the middle of the cell, trigones large, triangular with bulging sides, intermediate thickenings rare, found mostly in basal region of lobe: underleaves distant, broadly orbicular, 0.4 mm. long, 0.5 mm. wide, bifid about one third with broad, erect, acute to apiculate divisions separated by an acute sinus; margin as in the leaves: inflorescence dioicous: ♀ branch usually with a single rudimentary leaf and a single underleaf in addition to the bracts and bracteole; bracts spreading, the lobe convex, falcate-obovate, 0.85 mm. long, 0.5 mm. wide, rounded at the apex, margin as in the leaves, lobule oblong or lanceolate, 0.4 mm. long, 0.08 mm. wide, free portion short, rounded to acute at the apex; bracteole free, oblong, 0.8 mm. long, 0.4 mm. wide, narrowed toward the base, rounded at the apex and very shortly bidentate or retuse; perianth more than half exserted, obovate in outline, 1.4 mm. long, 0.9 mm. wide, narrowed toward the base, truncate or slightly retuse at the apex with rounded outer angles, surface smooth or nearly so: ♂ inflorescence with bracts in from two to four pairs; bracts imbricated, strongly inflated, shortly bifid with a strongly arched keel, both lobes rounded at the apex; bracteoles one or two at the base of the spike, shortly and variously bifid; antheridia single or in pairs: mature sporophyte not seen (PLATE 3).

On trees. Puerto Rico, without definite localities, *Schwanecke*, *Sintenis*. El Yunque, *Evans* (38 p. p., 46 p. p., 62, 99.) Also known from several of the Lesser Antilles, namely: St. Kitts, *Breutel*, *Britton & Cowell*; Guadeloupe, *L'Herminier*; St. Vincent and Dominica, *Elliott*. Apparently through an error, the type locality of the species was given as "Bourbon," and it has also been recorded from Java. In all probability, however, its range is restricted to the West Indies.

Even in a sterile condition, there is no Puerto Rico species with which *C. lineata* is likely to be confused. Its comparatively large size, its convex lobes with blunt apices, its peculiar lobules, its convex leaf-cells with large trigones, its small underleaves, bifid and with sharp divisions, will all serve to distinguish it. Fruiting specimens are further distinguished by the beakless and flattened perianth borne on a short and simple branch.

### PYCNOLEJEUNEA

The characters which have been relied upon in separating *Pycnolejeunea* from *Cheilolejeunea* are the robustness of the plants, the closely imbricated leaves, the elongated lobules, the large underleaves and the five-keeled perianth. All of these characters, with the exception of that drawn from the lobules, are fairly constant and will usually serve to distinguish the genus not only from *Cheilolejeunea*, but also from *Rectolejeunea*. The lobule, however, varies greatly in length and is sometimes scarcely longer than broad. In the structure of the apical tooth and in the position of the hyaline papilla the lobule agrees with that found in *Rectolejeunea*.

The selection of the type species of *Pycnolejeunea* is beset with the same difficulties as in *Cheilolejeunea*. The first species mentioned by Spruce is *L. contigua* Nees ; \* the first species which he describes is also called *L. contigua*, but the specimens from which this description is drawn are now recognized as the type of *Pycnolejeunea Spruceana* Schiffn. ; † the first species which Schiffner lists is *P. macroloba* (Mont.) Schiffn. ‡ Under the circumstances the writer suggests that *P. Spruceana* be considered the type, since this is really the first species which Spruce describes.

*Pycnolejeunea* is confined to tropical and subtropical regions. It attains its highest development in the East Indies and neighboring islands, but has numerous representatives in America. At the present time only one species is definitely known from Puerto Rico. Most if not all of the species grow on bark, sometimes in pure mats, sometimes in admixture with other hepatics.

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\* Hep. Amaz. et And. 247. 1884.

† Bot. Jahrb. 23 : 583. 1897.

‡ Engler & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam. 13 : 124. 1893 (= *Lejeunea macroloba* Mont. Ann. Sci. Nat. Bot. II. 19 : 260. 1843).

The species belonging to this genus are nearly all robust and vary in color from dull-green to glaucous or whitish-green. They are never glossy and many of them become brownish with age or upon drying. The prostrate stems are more or less closely adherent to the substratum and branch irregularly; some of the branches are similar to the stem, but they are more often short and limited in growth, and in certain species microphyllous branches are to be observed. The leaves are closely imbricated (plate 2, figure 9). The lobes are convex and falcate, although sometimes in a very slight degree; they vary in shape from ovate to subrotund; the apex is broad and rounded, and the margin varies from entire to minutely crenulate. The leaf-cells are more or less convex; their walls are firm, sometimes with distinct trigones (figure 13), sometimes presenting the appearance of being uniformly thickened. Ocelli occur in many species, but not in all; they are sometimes scattered (figures 9, 10), but are usually at the base of the lobe. The lobule varies in outline from broadly ovate to long-rectangular and is built up on the same plan as in *Rectolejeunea*, with the hyaline papilla proximal in position. The underleaves are closely imbricated; they are nearly always orbicular in general outline, but are sometimes broader than long; they are bifid with pointed divisions, and their margins are commonly entire.

The female branch is variable in length, but is usually long. The flowers innovate on one or on both sides, the innovations themselves being often again floriferous. The bracts are about as large as the leaves on robust and sterile axes, but are larger than the leaves which immediately precede them on the female branch. They are unequally bifid and usually distinctly complicate, in many cases showing a narrow and entire wing along the keel (figures 19, 20). The lobe is broad and rounded, and the narrow lobule varies from acute to rounded even on a single specimen. The bracteole is larger than the underleaves and less deeply bifid. The perianth is obovate in outline and is sharply five-keeled, at least in the upper part (figures 9, 21, 22). The apex is broad and usually rounded, the beak being short but distinct. The antheridial spike usually occupies a short branch (figure 23), but is sometimes terminal on a longer branch; the antheridia, so far as observed, occur in pairs.

## PYCNOLEJEUNEA SCHWANECKEI (Steph.) Schiffn.

*Lejeunea macroloba laxior* Hampe & Gottsche, Linnaea **25**: 356.

1852. Not *Lejeunea macroloba* Mont. 1843.

*Lejeunea* (*Pycnolejeunea*) *Schwaneckei* Steph. Hedwigia **27**: 289.  
*pl. 13, f. 28.* 1888.

*Pycnolejeunea Schwaneckei* Schiffn. Bot. Jahrb. **23**: 594. 1897.

Glaucous-green, becoming brownish with age, growing in loose depressed mats, often in company with other hepatics; stems 0.17 mm. in diameter, prostrate and loosely adherent to the substratum, irregularly pinnate, an occasional branch long, unlimited in growth and with normal leaves but most of the branches very short, microphyllous, and concealed by the leaves of the higher axis, all of the branches obliquely to widely spreading: leaves more or less densely imbricated, the lobe convex and often revolute at the apex, broadly falcate-ovate, 0.85–1 mm. long, 0.7–0.85 mm. wide, antical margin straight or slightly incurved near the base, then strongly outwardly curved to the apex, arching partially or wholly across the axis, postical margin revolute and curved, apex broad and rounded, whole margin slightly and indistinctly crenulate from projecting cells; lobule narrowly ovoid-cylindrical, 0.5 mm. long, 0.12 mm. wide (0.17 mm. wide when explanate), inflated throughout, keel straight or nearly so, roughened from projecting cells, free margin straight or nearly so, involute nearly or quite to the apex, sinus lunulate, apical tooth blunt or subacute, not curved, papilla in a scarcely evident depression; cells of lobe convex on both free surfaces, averaging  $15\ \mu$  at the margin,  $22\ \mu$  in the middle and  $28\ \mu$  at the base, walls thickened, especially the antical wall, trigones large, triradiate, sometimes confluent or separated by very narrow pits, intermediate thickenings occasional, circular in outline; ocelli mostly four to nine, scattered but mostly confined to the postical half of lobe and covered over by the preceding leaf, averaging  $46 \times 35\ \mu$ : underleaves imbricated, broadly orbicular, 0.35 mm. long, 0.4 mm. wide, broadly cuneate at the base and sometimes bearing a rudimentary disc in the radicelliferous region, bifid one fifth to one third with erect divisions, obtuse to subacute at the apex, and a narrow sinus; cells and margin as in the leaves: inflorescence dioicous: ♀ inflorescence borne on a leading branch, innovating on one side or more rarely on both sides, the innovations sterile or again floriferous; bracts obliquely spreading, complicate, the lobe falcate-ovate, convex, 1.2 mm. long, 0.85 mm. wide, apex broad, margin as in the leaves, keel narrowly winged, lobule ovate to obovate, rounded to subacute at the apex, 0.75 mm. long, c. 35 mm. wide; bracteole

connate on one side with bract, broadly ovate to obovate, 0.85 mm. long, 0.6 mm. wide, apex broad, retuse to shortly bidentate, margin as in the leaves; perianth immersed in the involucre or slightly exserted, obovoid, 1 mm. long, 0.6 mm. wide, narrowed toward the base, broad and rounded at the apex and with a very short beak, sharply five-keeled especially toward apex, surface roughened from projecting cells especially along the keels: ♂ inflorescence occupying a short branch or more rarely terminal on a microphyllous branch; bracts mostly in from three to six pairs, closely imbricated, strongly inflated, shortly and subequally bifid with an arched keel, the lobe rounded, the lobule sometimes subacute or apiculate at the apex; bracteoles one or two at the base of the spike, similar to the underleaves but smaller; antheridia in pairs: mature sporophyte not seen (PLATE 2, FIGURES 9-23).

On bark of trees. North slope of the Luquillo Mountains, *Heller* (4739). El Yunque, *Evans* (73). The type specimens were collected in Puerto Rico by *Schwanecke*. The species has also been found in Jamaica, *Underwood*, *Maxon*, *Evans*.

An interesting feature of *P. Schwaneckei* is found in the peculiar microphyllous branches, which are usually abundantly developed on both male and female individuals (figures 9, 11, 12). These branches are nearly always completely concealed by the leaves and are therefore invisible when a stem is viewed from above. Although so short, each branch bears from three to seven pairs of closely imbricated leaves with corresponding underleaves. The leaves are very much smaller than ordinary leaves and measure about 0.2 mm. in length; they are shortly bifid, the lobe being but little larger than the lobule, and the keel is strongly arched. The lobe is suberect and rounded at the apex, and its margin is vaguely angular-dentate. The lobule is inflated and blunt at the apex, being similar in this respect to normal lobules. The small underleaves are essentially like those found on the stem. Apparently these microphyllous branches increase the water-holding power of the plants, partly by means of their protected position, partly by means of the close imbrication of all their parts. They apparently assist also in affixing the plants to the substratum, since rhizoids are abundantly produced by their underleaves.\*

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\* Similar microphyllous branches occur in *Radula pycnolejeuneoides* Schiffn., from the island of Amboina (Nova Acta Acad. Caes. Leop.-Carol. 60: 247. pl. 13, f. 1-7. 1893). They were originally described as male spikes, but their true nature was soon pointed out by Goebel (Flora 77: 432. pl. 8, g. f. 3, 4. 1893).

The characters which separate *P. Schwaneckeii* from the closely related *P. macroloba* are tabulated by Stephani, and little of importance has since been written on either species. Schwanecke's original material represents a somewhat laxer form than most of the specimens recently collected, although connected with them by intergrading conditions. If well-developed forms of the species are compared with typical *P. macroloba*, it will be found that some of the differential characters relied upon by Stephani are inconstant. The plants, for example, are equally robust in the two species, and the texture of *P. Schwaneckeii* is really the denser of the two; there is but little difference in the branching; the leaves in both species are strongly imbricated, and the same is true of the underleaves; the leaf-cells do not show the differences which are ascribed to them, and there is no constant difference in the position of the antheridial spike. The other differential characters which Stephani notes seem to be trustworthy. The inflorescence in *P. Schwaneckeii*, as he remarks, seems to be always dioicous, while in *P. macroloba*, the inflorescence is normally autoicous, although unisexual individuals sometimes occur. The keel of the leaves in *P. macroloba* is nearly always distinctly arched, and the postical margin of the lobe, where the free margin of the lobule meets it, is plane or nearly so, although the apex of the lobe tends to be revolute. In *P. Schwaneckeii* the keel is straight, and the lobe is revolute along the postical margin as well as at the apex. The underleaves of *P. macroloba*, also, are more deeply bifid, and their divisions are usually more acute.

In addition to these differences, it may be noted that the leaf-cells in *P. macroloba* are a trifle larger than in the other species, averaging  $25\ \mu$  in the middle of the lobe. The local thickenings in the cell-walls are about the same size, but appear more distinct because separated from one another by broader pits and showing much less tendency to become confluent. The ocelli, also, are fewer, only two to four, and less distinct. According to Schiffner,\* the cell-walls in *P. Schwaneckeii* are uniformly thickened, an ap-

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\* Lebermoose der Forschungsreise S. M. S. Gazelle, 32. 1890. The species is here recorded from the island of Amboina, but apparently through error, since Schiffner makes no mention of it in his Conspect. Hepat. Archip. Indici, published in 1898.

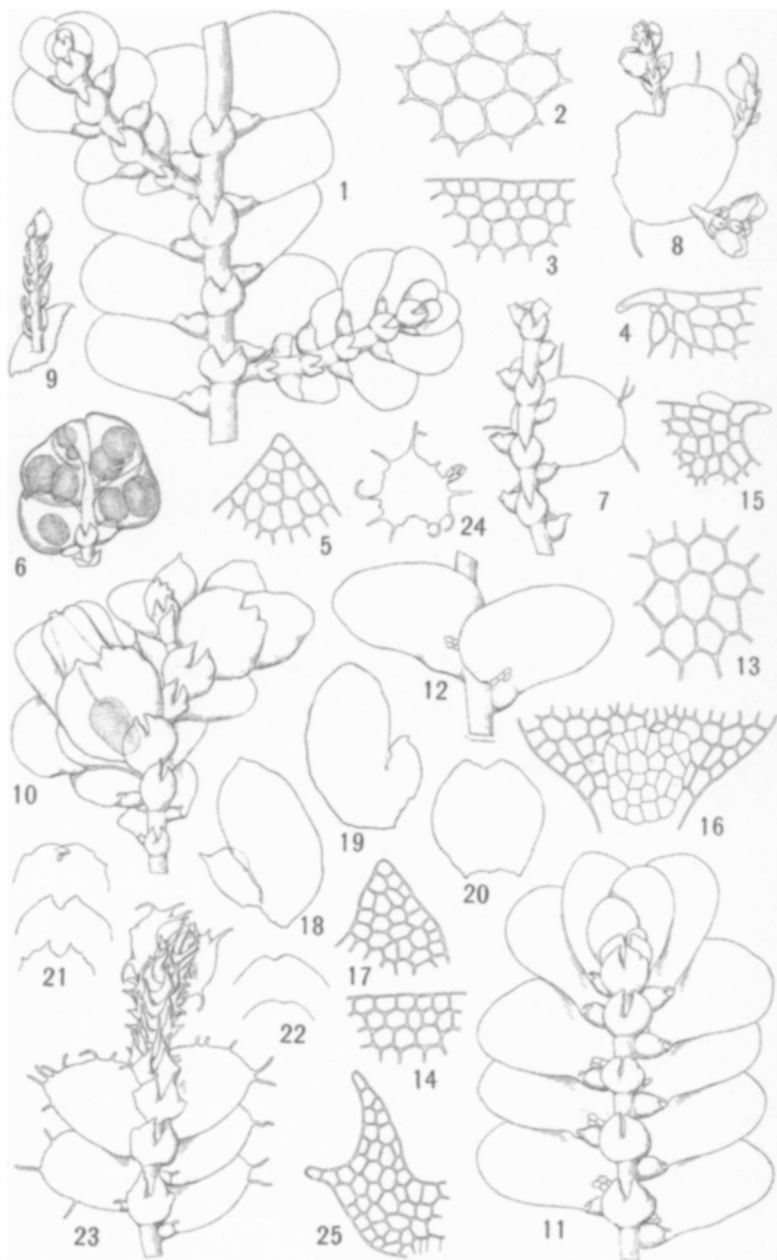


pearance due to the frequent confluence of the local thickenings, leading to an obliteration of the pits. The bracts and perianths are very similar in the two species, but the bracteoles afford another difference. In *P. macroloba* these are distinctly bidentate at the apex, the teeth being acute and often connivent; in *P. Schwaneckeii* the bracteoles are either undivided or shortly or irregularly bidentate with blunt teeth. In *P. macroloba*, finally, microphyllous branches are rare, and many plants fail to develop them altogether.

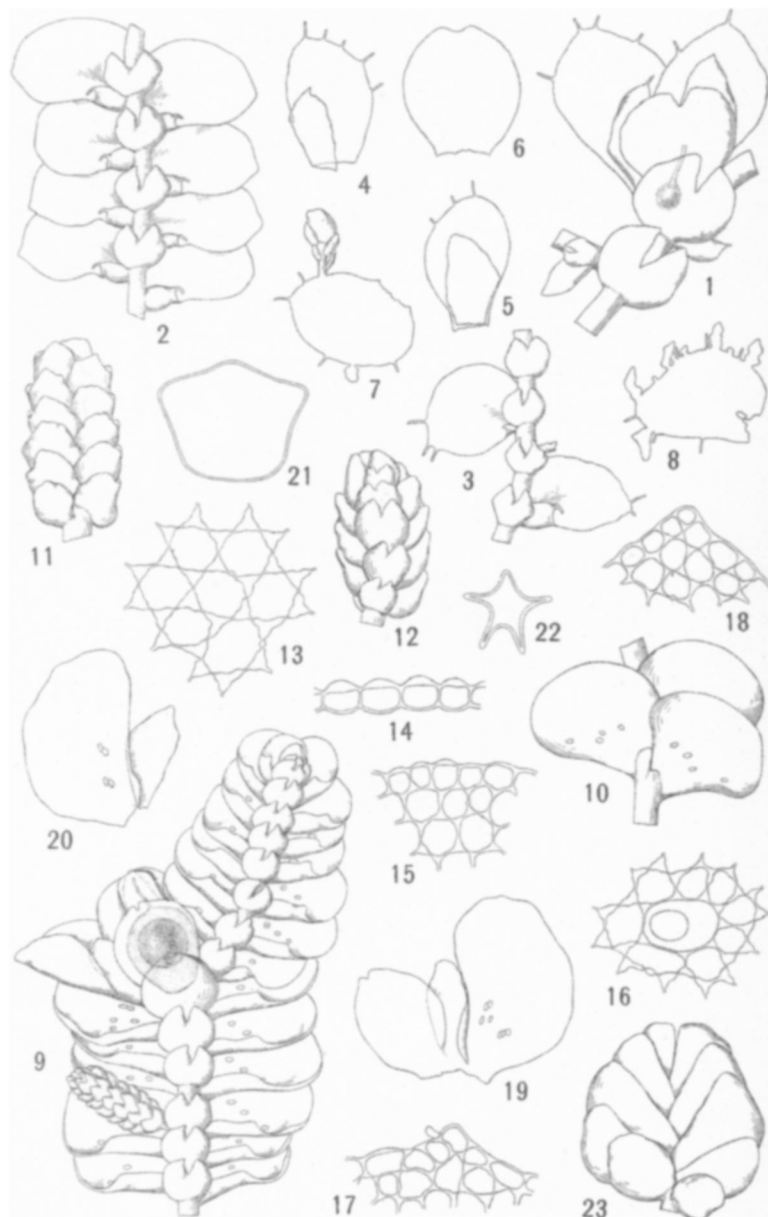
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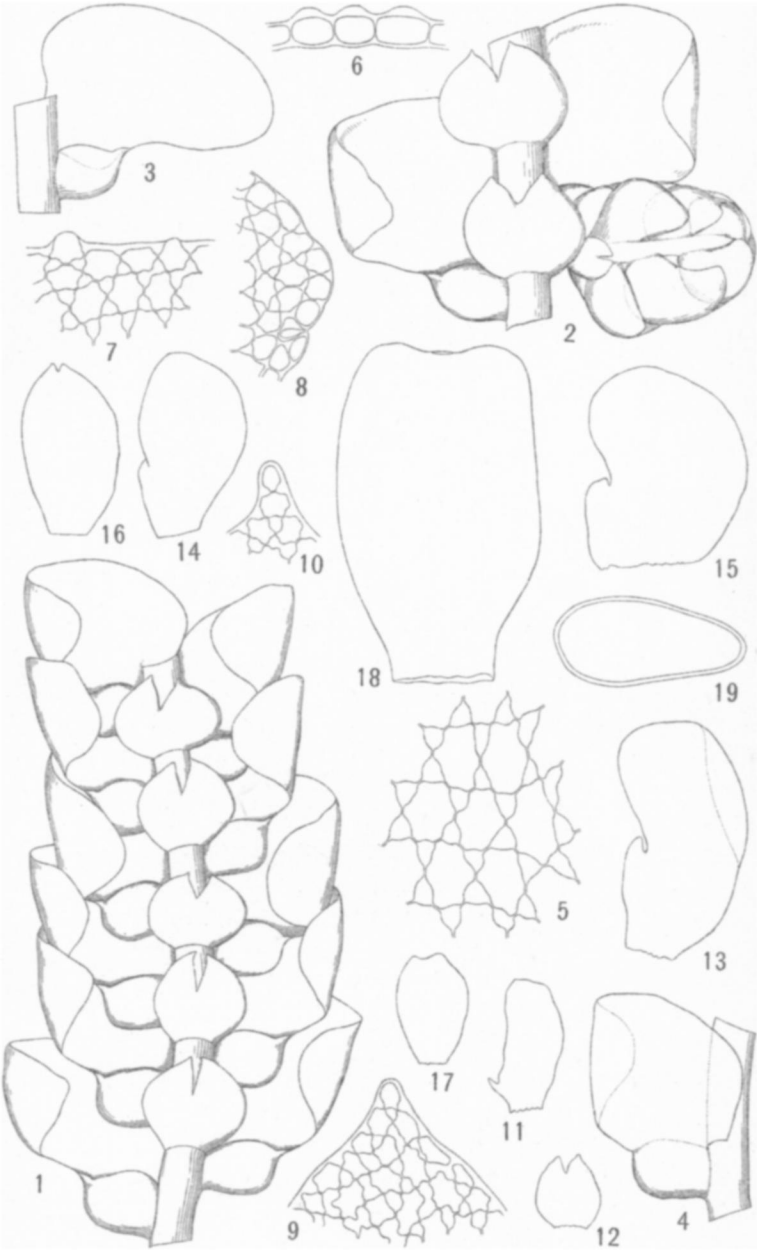
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1-9. *CHEILOLEJEUNEA DECIDUA* (Spruce) Evans  
 10-25. *RECTOLEJEUNEA FLAGELLIFORMIS* Evans



1-8. *RECTOLEJEUNEA EMARGINULIFLORA* (Gottsche) Evans  
 9-23. *PYCNOLEJEUNEA SCHWANECKEI* (Steph.) Schiffn.



CYSTOLEJEUNEA LINEATA (Lehm. & Lindenb.) Evans

**Explanation of plates 1-3**

The figures were drawn by the writer and, with a very few exceptions, prepared for publication by Miss Hyatt.

## PLATE 1

*Cheilolejeunea decidua* (Spruce) Evans. 1. Part of prostrate stem, with two branches, postical view,  $\times 32$ . 2. Cells from middle of lobe,  $\times 250$ . 3. Cells from antical margin of lobe,  $\times 190$ . 4. Apex of lobule,  $\times 190$ . 5. Apex of underleaf-division,  $\times 190$ . 6. Male inflorescence, postical view,  $\times 40$ . 7. Part of an ascending branch, from which most of the lobes have fallen away, postical view,  $\times 32$ . 8. A detached lobe with three leafy shoots growing from it,  $\times 32$ . 9. A leafy shoot without underleaves, from another detached lobe,  $\times 50$ . The figures were all drawn from specimens collected in Florida by Small & Carter (1370 p. p., 1408).

*Rectolejeunea flagelliformis* Evans. 10. Female branch with perianth and floriferous innovation, postical view,  $\times 32$ . 11. Part of sterile stem, postical view,  $\times 32$ . 12. Two leaves, antical view,  $\times 32$ . 13. Cells from middle of lobe,  $\times 250$ . 14. Cells from antical margin of lobe,  $\times 190$ . 15. Apex of lobule,  $\times 190$ . 16. Base of underleaf,  $\times 190$ . 17. Apex of underleaf-division,  $\times 190$ . 18, 19. Bracts,  $\times 32$ . 20. Bracteole,  $\times 32$ . 21, 22. Apices of bracteoles,  $\times 32$ . 23. Apex of flagelliform branch, postical view,  $\times 32$ . 24. Modified leaf from flagelliform branch, with young leafy shoot growing from it,  $\times 32$ . 25. Part of modified underleaf,  $\times 190$ . The figures were all drawn from Cuban specimens collected by Underwood & Earle (346, 521).

## PLATE 2

*Rectolejeunea emarginuliflora* (Gottsche) Evans. 1. Part of a stem with a female inflorescence, postical view,  $\times 45$ . 2. Part of a sterile stem, postical view,  $\times 35$ . 3. Part of a stem from which most of the leaves have fallen away, postical view,  $\times 45$ . 4, 5. Bracts,  $\times 45$ . 6. Bracteole,  $\times 45$ . 7. Detached leaf with a protonema and a leafy shoot growing from it,  $\times 45$ . 8. Detached leaf with several protonemata,  $\times 45$ . Figs. 4-6 were drawn from the type specimen (Hep. Cubenses); the remaining figures were drawn from the specimens collected by A. A. Heller (4741 p. p.).

*Pycnolejeunea Schwaneckeii* (Steph.) Schiffn. 9. Part of a stem with a perianth and a microphyllous branch, postical view,  $\times 25$ . 10. Part of stem, antical view,  $\times 25$ . 11. Microphyllous branch, antical view,  $\times 45$ . 12. The same, postical view,  $\times 45$ . 13. Cells from middle of lobe,  $\times 265$ . 14. The same in cross-section,  $\times 200$ . 15. Cells from antical margin of lobe,  $\times 200$ . 16. Cells from base of lobe, with an ocellus,  $\times 200$ . 17. Apex of lobule,  $\times 200$ . 18. Apex of underleaf-division,  $\times 200$ . 19. Bract and bracteole,  $\times 25$ . 20. Bract,  $\times 25$ . 21. Cross-section of perianth at about the middle,  $\times 35$ . 22. Cross-section of perianth near the apex,  $\times 35$ . 23. Male inflorescence, antical view,  $\times 35$ . The figures were all drawn from specimens collected in Jamaica by the writer (99).

## PLATE 3

*Cystolejeunea lineata* (Lehm. & Lindenb.) Evans. 1. Part of sterile stem, postical view,  $\times 35$ . 2. Part of stem with male inflorescence, postical view,  $\times 35$ . 3. Explanate leaf, postical view,  $\times 35$ . 4. Leaf, antical view,  $\times 35$ . 5. Cells from middle of lobe,  $\times 265$ . 6. The same in cross-section,  $\times 200$ . 7. Cells from antical margin of lobe,  $\times 200$ . 8. Apex of lobule (showing reflexed papilla),  $\times 200$ . 9, 10. Apices of underleaf-divisions,  $\times 200$ . 11. Leaf from female branch,  $\times 35$ . 12. Underleaf from female branch,  $\times 35$ . 13-15. Bracts,  $\times 35$ . 16, 17. Bracteoles,  $\times 35$ . 18. Perianth,  $\times 35$ . 19. Cross-section of perianth,  $\times 35$ . The figures were all drawn from specimens collected by the writer (38 p. p., 46 p. p.).